

APRIL 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Prince Edward Island

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Workplace Violence

Feb 28: PEI launched a new [5-year plan to](#) prevent sexual violence in the workplace, home and community and improve supports for its victims.

Action Point: Use the extensive resources on the OHSI [Workplace Violence Compliance Center](#) to protect your workers from violence and harassment

Drugs & Alcohol

Feb 8: Hundreds of PEI residents have benefitted since the province began covering the costs of the medications for the treatment of alcohol and opioid use disorders without copays, deductibles or out-of-pocket costs at the start of 2022. According to the government, 783 people accessed treatment through the program, resulting in savings of \$523,000.

Action Point: Use the [OHSI Substance Abuse Compliance Game Plan](#) to curb drugs and alcohol at your workplace

Fire Safety

Mar 1: Under newly effective regulations, burn permits are no longer required for domestic brush burning. However, outdoor burning is allowed only when the risk of fire is as low as possible. Forest fire risk in PEI is highest from March 15 to December 1

of each year.

Action Point: Go to the [OHSI Fire Safety Compliance centre](#) for resources you can use to prevent fires and explosions at your workplace

Privacy

Mar 1: Following the lead of the federal government, PEI banned the use of TikTok on all government-connected mobile devices to protect the personal data contained on those devices. The government says it's a proactive measure and that there's no evidence suggesting that any personal data has actually been compromised.

Environmental

Mar 1: Electric vehicles (EVs) purchased at off-Island dealerships are now eligible for the PEI Universal Electric Vehicle Incentive, as are used and converted EVs. Used EVs with a sticker price of up to \$70,000 are now also eligible for rebates, up from \$55,000.